

**OCM BOCES Science Center
Science Leadership Network
November 14th, 2013
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

Meeting Minutes

- Introduced Matt LaRocca from VWR Education [Wards] – thank you to Matt for sponsoring our meetings.
- Next Generation Science Standards Update:
 - Monthly conference calls with State Ed.
 - Standards can be accessed at www.nextgenscience.org
 - Final release to the public April 9, 2013
 - July 2013 evaluation tool was available (some attendees took part)
 - Survey closed October 15, 2013: 4,500 participants started the survey; only 1,500 completed it. Most of the survey was comparing the new document with the current one; also asked for feedback on implementation. (This survey included the public; not just educators.)
 - December 2013 Board wants to know the status and will continue to look at the data. No adoption date will be considered.
 - February 2014 – possible adoption will be on the agenda
 - No Race-to-the-Top funding allocated at this time
 - Options: Adopt as is / adopt with revisions / do not adopt
 - Next steps: assessment; curricula; instruction; teacher development
- What is happening surrounding NGSS in your district?
 - Some districts are putting science on the back burner making ELA and Math the priority.
 - Teachers are overwhelmed.
 - Elementary trying to include writing with physical science.
- CCLS for ELA: Standards for Literacy in Science & Research and the CCLS
 - Jenny Fanelli: OCM BOCES Marcie Mann: SLS OCM BOCES
 - Please see power point and hand-outs on our Science Leadership Page